

# THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

## City and County.

Now in the parlor meet the pair  
When the golden day is done.  
Two forms with but one rocking chair.  
Two hearts that beat as one.

The stranger who took in a cheque  
On a bank that had all gone to wreck  
Was so whelmed with chargin  
That his barn he went in  
And he hung himself up by the neck.

"There is many a slip  
Twixt the cup and the lip,"  
Is the saying that's frequently noted;  
But that cup to the lips  
Cause the worst kind of dip,  
Is a truth that's frequently noted.

There was a man, once on a time,  
Who tho't him wondrous wise;  
He swore by all the fabled gods  
He'd never advertise.

But the goods were advertised ere long,  
And thereby hangs a tale;  
The "ad." was set in nonpareil  
And headed "Sheriff's Sale."

—Exchange.

George Peck was in from Albion township Friday.

F. M. Dodson, of the Famous, returned home Friday.

A son of J. W. L. Hughes, of South Bend, is quite ill.

Miss May Woodburn has been very ill with a serious trouble in her throat.

Jacob Stauffer's son, who has been very ill for some time, is improving finely.

Fred Cochran was in town Saturday from South Bend, where he is teaching school.

Professor Looney was down from Pawnee Rock attending the teachers' examination.

We are informed that a car load of materials for the natural gas well has arrived at the depot.

Taking a baby to church does the "kid" no good and is often a cause of immorality in others.

Frank Hayse, of Millard P. O., was in the city Saturday arranging to prove up on his claim.

A marriage license has been granted Mr. John Demerath and Miss Maggie Schartz, both of Ellinwood.

Dr. Hess and family have returned from California. The doctor has been ill since his arrival home.

Miss Anna Hannum returned, quite ill, from Winfield, Kansas, last week, where she had been attending school.

John Cooper and sister, Laura, of Clarence township, were in the city Saturday attending the teachers' examination.

Uhl & Carney have been buying a large quantity of hay lately, one of their purchasers buying 300 tons from John Cook.

Nelson Compton was in town Friday from Eureka township, on business in connection with the final proving up on his claim.

Capt. Bishop has purchased the property occupied by Cummins & Cummins, at Hoisington, from C. F. Diffenbacher.

W. B. Pearson, from the north townships, was in the city last week, talking over the good wheat prospects for Barton county.

Miss Minnie Benford, who has been teaching a term of school on the south side of the river, is now at home again, having closed the term.

Notice Elwood & Co's. new ad. in another column. This firm is bound to get to the front in their line of trade, and they know how to do it.

Almost every one you meet is talking about some friends whom they know, and who are talking of "coming out in the spring" if everything goes well.

J. C. Frye will take charge of C. Hartman's ranch, in South Bend township, for a couple of weeks, during Mr. Hartman's trip to Colorado on business.

Curtis Potter, who was down to Seward last week says he never saw wheat look better at this time of year than it now does between this city and Seward.

W. W. Keyes was in town last week from Albion township. Everything in his neighborhood is in fine condition betokening fine crops the coming season.

A silver wedding in honor of the twenty-fifth year of wedded life, was celebrated Saturday night, by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Jones. A goodly number were present and numerous and beautiful presents bestowed.

Chas. Kentch, of Eureka township, was in Monday, on business.

H. E. Smith was in from Redwing to participate in Kansas Day exercises.

Registration still goes bravely on. Thus far the third ward is away ahead.

Will Bunting, Newt. Smith and John Linds were down from Pawnee Rock, Monday.

Everybody who had a vehicle was out Sunday enjoying the balmy air and splendid roads.

Prof. Tom Reynolds is an educator of the right sort—the sort that makes and has made Kansas what she is.

On the 28th ult. a marriage license was issued to Louis Damm and Caroline Whintoast, both of Great Bend.

J. W. Miller, living on the edge of Stafford county, who has been quite ill, was in town Monday, almost well.

Saturday was red letter day with our merchants. The streets were crowded with people from the country.

Captain L. A. Leighton, wife and daughter, of South Haven, Mich., are visiting their uncle, W. W. P. Clement.

Mr. Geo. C. Heritage, of Valparaiso, Ind., is in the city. He has accepted a position in the Central Normal college.

Miss Anna Campbell, from the Kansas Normal College, takes a position in the Central Normal. She is an experienced teacher.

The officers who were not installed at the installation will be installed Saturday night at the meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps.

R. C. Gailey came in Saturday from the west. He likes California, but does not think he will go back soon nor take all his friends with him.

The auditing board of the G. A. R. post, of this city, are hard at work preparing a statement, which they will submit at their next regular meeting.

Our merchants are now preparing for the spring trade, and car load after car load of goods are being received daily. There is every indication for a big trade in the spring.

Sid Newcombe isn't much on the new fangled styles of dancing; but when it comes to a "break-down," he gets to the front in great shape, and some one is bound to leave his seat.

Mr. W. J. Hill takes charge of reading, drawing and painting in the Central Normal. Parties who are interested in these branches are requested to visit the building this week.

Mr. W. H. H. Keeney left here Friday morning for Kansas City and other eastern points, to be gone some weeks. We expect soon to see him back and in business in Great Bend.

Fred Walker has returned from a trip through the northern part of the county, and reports everything in fine condition, and the farmers in best of spirits over the outlook for a big crop the coming season.

A. L. Sourwine of Lakin township, says Clark Gwinn has the boss gun of the county. Mr. Sourwine and I. S. Hankey were out hunting yesterday when he shot and killed a wolf over a hundred yards off.

During her twenty years of married life, Mrs. John Gest, of Wichita, has presented her husband with twenty-two children. She has twice given birth to twins and once to triplets. She was indeed hospital, she kept a house full of Gests.

The question was asked the other day, "Is there any diphtheria in the schools? To which a member of the board answers, "There is not. Those who keep their children out of school on such rumors, place them more in danger of becoming ill by running the streets."

Dr. Shaw is raising a protest against the mudhole created in front of his drug store. It is not the nicest thing in the world to have the street flooded at this time of year; but we must take the bitter with the sweet—if we have waterworks we must put up with a little water, you know.

Newspapers may be excellent, but they can't give people brains. Until Gabriel shall stand with one foot up on the land and one foot upon the sea, and with his golden trumpet proclaim that time shall be no more, there will always be somebody to eat lead stools, blow in the muzzles of guns, gossip and find fault with editors.

Mrs. S. J. Saul, from the north part of Stafford county, was a caller last week, and signed for the DEMOCRAT one week.

Mrs. G. W. Parker has sent from Los Angeles, Cal., a fine selection of ocean shells, star fish, sea moss and other curiosities to be placed in the high school cabinet.

An Olathe man has an overcoat that he has worn every winter for twenty years. It is estimated that the collar would bring the original price of the garment at almost any soap factory.

Hundreds of eastern citizens who went to California sanguine and expectant, filled with hope of acquiring a fortune in a short time, are returning by every train heartsick, weary and thoroughly disgusted.

The Walnut Creek milling company of Great Bend, have established an agency in Scott City, with A. H. Moss as manager, for the sale to dealers and to retail, of their celebrated brands of flour.—Scott City Sentinel.

A Vermont cashier, who had served fifty-one years in that position and always showed a square balance, was the other day presented with a ring worth \$6 by the bank directors. This is another living proof that honesty is certain to be rewarded in the end.

A report reaches us that on Saturday night, the 28th, some miscreant stole a mail sack from the platform at Pawnee Rock. On the same evening Frank Byram had a good horse to mysteriously disappear. We could not get any particulars.

The question for debate Tuesday last, at the Sunny Side lyceum held in Sessler school house, was: Resolved—That woman should have full right to the elective franchise. The leading disputants were: Henry Langfield affirmative, and Harry L. Burdick negative.

Mr. M. M. Hobson, a young gentleman who was here last summer and made many friends among our citizens, was married on the fifth of January, 1888, to Miss Arvilla M. Quinby, at Wakefield, Kansas. The friends of Mr. Hobson, will be glad to learn of his marriage.

Dancing along on the golden shafts of the early morning sunbeams as they shimmered and scintillated with mischievous coyness, promising a perfect midwinter day, came the news that another son was last Wednesday born unto an east side household. Charley Beye is the lucky father.

It was a colored preacher who said to his flock: "We have a collection to make this morning, and for the glory of heaven whichever one stole Mr. Jones' turkey las' Thanksgiving don't put anything on the plate." The result was every blessed nigger in the church came down with the cash.

Rev. Israel Harris, who recently died in the almshouse, came to this county about 1876. He was a missionary Baptist preacher. He preached two or three years in this county, when he was stricken with palsy, which left him in a helpless condition, and a dependant upon the county for about nine years.

Johnnie Remick, while on his way home Saturday night, was stopped by a man who jumped from a carriage. The man walked up close to him, pulled a revolver from his pocket, peered into his face and said: "You are not the man I'm looking for," then jumped into the carriage and drove off. There was another man in the carriage.

Prof. C. H. Six is in correspondence with parties at Great Bend relative to taking charge of the cornet band there. We will say that he has no superior as teacher in this state, and but for the temporary financial embarrassment surrounding the Citizen's band, of this city, he would yet be its teacher. Every member of that band is an admirer of Prof. Six.—Medicine Lodge Index.

Up to December 14 1886, there had been granted to women by the United States, letters patent for 1935 inventions. This is doubtless a good many more patents than the public had thought had been granted to women; yet there really should have been more, and there would have been if women would think more. But then to do that they would have to talk less, which could not be thought of for a moment. Seriously, the household and other branches of women's work furnish a large field for the exercise of their inventive genius, and it begins to look as though they

would work it better in the future than they have in the past. Neither should it be overlooked that they have invented many things that have never seen the patent office, and of which the world has never heard. Woman is not in the habit of proclaiming her achievements with the blare of trumpets.—Kinsley Graphic.

## Too Fly.

"Say! lemme use your telephone a minit!" he exclaimed, as he rushed into an office on Griswold street.

"Certainly."

"Hello! Hello! Give me 6205. Is that you, darling?"

"(Yes.)"

"Say, pet, I left my wallet on the dresser with \$250 in it. Did you find it?"

"(Yes.)"

"Good! 'Fraid I lost it on the street. Big load off my mind. Shall I bring up those shoes?"

"(Yes.)"

"I'm dead broke, you know, but perhaps I can borrow \$5 until after dinner, so as not to disappoint you. Goodbye, darling."

"(Goodbye, sweetness.)"

"Say," he said to the man at the desk, "perhaps you overheard what I said, and will lend me the \$5."

The occupant pointed over his shoulder to the door.

"What? Skip?"

"Yes."

"Been caught before?"

"Yes."

"I skip! Goodbye."—Detroit Free Press.

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